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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT ALLEGED DETENTION OF SOVIET FLAG
PATROL (NEAR TURNER BARRACKS)

1. BOGOMOLOV CALLED THIS MORNING (AUGUST 28) AND, AFTER
HANDLING A PROTOCOL MATTER WITH US, DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING
PROTEST:

QUOTE

ON AUGUST 16 ON HUETTENWEG STREET IN THE VICINITY OF THE
TURNER MILITARY BARRACKS, THE DRIVER OF A LIGHT MILITARY
VEHICLE WITH THE NUMBER IY 282977 PREVENTED FOR ABOUT FIVE
MINUTES THE MOVEMENT OF OUR ZHIGULI PATROL AUTOMOBILE NO.
1088AZ. THE AMERICAN DRIVER FREED THE ROAD ONLY AFTER THE
INTERVENTION OF THE DUTY OFFICER OF THE CONTROL POINT OF THE
BARRACKS.

IN REPORTING ABOUT THE ABOVE, THE SOVIET EMBASSY AGAIN CALLS
THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN SIDE TO THE CONTINUING INCORRECT
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BEHAVIOR OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET
MILITARY PATROLS WHICH ARE FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATIONS
IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF WEST BERLIN. THE SOVIET
EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WILL INVESTIGATE THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENT, WILL
STRICTLY PUNISH THE GUILTY PERSON AND WILL TAKE MEASURES
TO PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS BY ITS SOLDIERS IN THE FUTURE.

END QUOTE

2. NO SOONER ASKED THEN DONE. WE INVESTIGATED THE FACTS AND LEARNED THE FOLLOWING WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS OF OUR REPLY TO THE SOVIETS:

3. ON AUGUST 16 A LS GD BN ONE-QUARTER TON TRUCK (VW) WITH THE NUMBER PLATES DESCRIBED ENTERED THE PARKING AREA IN FRONT OF TURNER BARRACKS WITH THE PURPOSE OF CHECKING GUARDS OF GERMAN NATIONALITY WHO ARE STATIONED THERE. THE LS BN OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE GUARD DETACHMENT ENTERED THE BARRACKS TO MAKE HIS PERIODIC CHECK OF THE GUARD DISPOSITION. THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK TURNED IT AROUND NORMALLY SO AS TO BE HEADING BACK TO THE STREET WHILE AWAITING THE RETURN OF THE OFFICER IN CHARGE. AT NO TIME WAS THERE ANY INTENTION OF BLOCKING THE SOVIET PATROL AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF SPACE IN WHICH THE SOVIET PATROL COULD HAVE TURNED AROUND AND LEFT THE PARKING AREA. WHEN THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE GUARD DETACHMENT RETURNED, THE TRUCK IN QUESTION DROVE OFF IN THE NORMAL FASHION. IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM OR ANYONE ELSE IN THE AREA THAT THE SOVIET PATROL VEHICLE REGARDED ITSELF AS BLOCKED. NELSON

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